

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1527
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ENERGIZATION OF IRRIGATION PUMPSETS IN MAHARASHTRA
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had implemented a programme of energization of irrigation pumpsets in rural areas during the Eighth Plan period in Maharashtra in general and Vidarbha Region in particular;
- (b) if so, the targets set and the achievements made in this regard alongwith the financial assistance provided for the purpose, year-wise;
- (c) whether inspite of encouraging results under the scheme, the provision of funds and targets under the scheme over the period remained almost static; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and provision of funds likely to be made available to Maharashtra for the pump energization during 2000-2001 and Ninth Plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Details of funds sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation(REC) under various rural electrification schemes to Maharashtra State Electricity Board

(MSEB) including energisation of pumpsets during the Eighth Plan is as under:-

Year	Funds released (Rs. in crores)	Pumpsets energised Target	Achievement.
1992-93	33.01	35,000	46284
1993-94	56.47	44,000	54261
1994-95	92.99	43,000	87954
1995-96	97.30	47,000	92395
1996-97	85.99	53,500	62655
	2,22,500	3,43,549	

Priority areas for pumpset energisation are determined by the concerned State Electricity Boards/State Governments. Details of targets set and achievement made during the Eighth Plan period by MSEB in Vidarbha Region is as under:-

Year	Target	Achievement
1992-93	6614	10868
1993-94	6960	11659
1994-95	7540	15348
1995-96	25195	20139
1996-97	9855	14567
Total	56164	72581

(c) & (d) : Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) sanctions schemes posed by the State Electricity Boards/State Governments provided they are technically and financially acceptable. REC have not received the pumpset energisation programme of MSEB/State Government for the year 2000-2001 or for the Ninth Plan so far. However, MSEB have programmed to energise 50,000 pumpsets during the year 2000-2001 with a plan outlay of Rs.200.00 crores and 1,50,000 pumpsets during the Ninth Plan period with plan outlay of Rs.574.74 crores.